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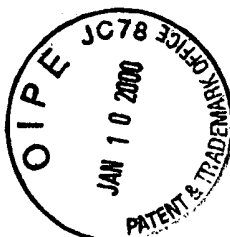
In re Application of:

Fumio ABE et al.

Serial No.: 08/857,585

Filed: May 16, 1997

For: HEATER AND CATALYTIC CONVERTER



Group Art Unit: 1764

Examiner: Nadine Preisch

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME AND
TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. \$1.17**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the outstanding Official Action in the above-identified application. The shortened statutory period having expired November 9, 1999, it is hereby requested that the period for response be extended for two months. There is also attached our Check No. 12315 in the amount of \$270.00 in payment for:

— Extension fee for response within first month pursuant to \$1.136(a) (\$110.00) [\$55.00].

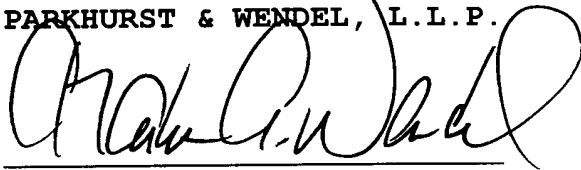
X Extension fee for response within second month pursuant to \$1.136(a) (\$380.00) [\$190.00].
(A petition for extension of time & \$110 (#12201) was filed on December 6, 1999.)

— Extension fee for response within third month pursuant to \$1.136(a) (\$870.00) [\$435.00].

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 16-0331. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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